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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7667

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 DAMASCUS 2992

DEPT FOR VO, SCS, PPT, AND NEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN

SUBJ: CONSULAR PACKAGE - FY 1976

REF: STATE 96907

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CONSULAR WORKLOAD REPORT FOR THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY, DAMASCUS, SYRIA, BUREAU OF NEAR EAST
AND ASIA AFFAIRS.

1. FOR SCHEDULES I THRU IV COLUMN HEADINGS (4):

BUREAU: NEA

COUNTRY AND POST: SYRIA, DAMASCUS

FY-1975 FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

10/1/74- 10/1/75- 10/1/76- 10/1/77-

9/30/75 9/30/76 9/30/77 9/30/78

2. SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS

1. IV'S ISSUED	114	425	750	1000
2. IV'S REFUSED	8	15	25	35
3. TOTAL IV CASES	122	440	775	1035

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MAN-HRS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT	40	140	250	330
5. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7. SUB-TOTAL AMER. MAN-HRS	40	140	250	330

LOCAL:

8. FUL TIME PERMANENT	250	850	1500	2000
9. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
10. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HRS	250	850	1500	2000
12. TOTAL IV MAN-HRS	290	990	1750	2330

OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

18. USE OF INTERPRETER	90 PERCENT
19. PARAKEET OR BOULDER	10 PERCENT
20. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK	20 PERCENT

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21. NIV ISSUED	1620	2000	2750	4000
22. NIV REFUSED	257	720	750	850
23. TOTAL NIV CASES	1877	2720	3500	4850

MAN-HRS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

24. FULL TIME PERMANENT	470	500	750	1000
25. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
26. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
27. SUB-TOTAL AMER. MAN-HRS.	470	500	750	1000

LOCAL:

28. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1200	1700	2000	2610
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29. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
30. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
31. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HRS	1200	1700	2000	2610
32. TOTAL NIV MAN-HRS	1670	2200	2750	3610
37. NIV FEES COLLECTED	\$35.00	10,500.00	13,000.00	20,000.00
38. BORDER C. CRDS FY-75	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
39. CREW LIST VISAS FY-75	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
40. NAMES ON CRE LIST VISAS				

FY-75 NIL NIL NIL NIL

OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

41. INTERVIEWS 90 PERCENT
 42. USE OF INTERPRETER 80 PERCENT
 43. PARAKEET OR BOULDER 10 PERCENT
 44. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 25 PERCENT

4. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES:

BUREAU: NEA

COUNTRY AND POST: SYRIA, DAMASCUS

46. AMER. CITIZEN DEATH	6	8	12	16
47. ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS	4	4	5	6
48. NOTARIALS	1289	1500	1800	2100
49. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS	14	72	60	65
50. ARRESTS	3	4	6	8
51. SEAMEN AND SHIPPING	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
52. OTHER AGENCY SERVICE	15	15	20	20
53. TOTAL SCS CASES	1331	1603	1903	2215

MAN-HRS UTILIZED

AMERICAN:

54. FULL TIME PERMANENT	200	330	400	450
55. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
56. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
57. SUB-TOTAL AMER. MAN-HRS	200	330	400	450

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58. FULL TIME PERMANENT	354	534	600	690
59. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
60. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
61. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HRS	354	534	600	690
62. TOTAL SCS MAN-HRS	554	864	1000	1140
68. TREASURY CHECKS FH-75	1213			

5. SCHEDULE IV - CITIZEN AND PASSPORT SERVICES:

BUREAU: NEA

COUNTRY AND POST: SYRIA, DAMASCUS

69. PPT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED	63	100	140	180
70. PPT APPLICATIONS EXAMINED	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

71. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED	46	75	110	150
72. NO FEE PPT'S ISSUED	1	NIL	2	2
73. PPT AMENDED OR EXTENDED	10	10	15	20
74. NEW REGISTRATION APLS.	42	50	70	90
75. REPORTS OF BRITH	7	14	28	45
76. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
77. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
78. SUB-TOTAL PPT CASES	169	249	365	487
79. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
80. TOTAL PPT CASES	167	249	365	487

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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

81. FULL TIME PERMANENT	21	31	42	58
82. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
83. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
84. SUB-TOTAL AMER-MAN-HRS.	21	31	42	58

LOCAL:

85. FULL TIME PERMANENT	38	57	77	101
86. TEMPORARY DETAIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
87. PIT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
88. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HRS	38	57	77	101
89. TOTAL MAN-HRS	59	88	119	159
95. AMERICANS REGISTERED (3/31/76)	267			

AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT;

96. OFFICIAL	89	100	110	120
97. NON-OFFICIALS	300	360	410	530

6. SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS:

BUREAU: NEA
COUNTRY AND POST: SYRIA, DAMASCUS
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FY-1975

HOURS GAINED	AMERICAN	LOCAL
OVERTIME	25	50
HOURS LOST	AMERICAN	LOCAL
DETAILS OUT	(SEE REMARKS)	NIL
STAFFING GAPS	NIL	(SEE REMARKS)
PROLONGED LEAVE	NIL	NIL

7. SCHEDULE VI - POSITIONS

BUREAU: NEA
COUNTRY AND POST: SYRIA, DAMASCUS

AMERICANS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
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105. AUTHORIZED 6/30/75	-	-	1	1
106. AUTHORIZED 3/3/76	-	-	1	1
107. FILLED 3/31/76	-	-	1	1

INCREASE:DECREASE:

108. REQUIRED FY-1977	/A
109. REQUIRED FY1978	N/A

LOCAL:

110. AUTHORIZED 6/30/75	2	-	-	1	3
111. AUTHORIZED 3/31/76	2	-	-	1	3
112. FILLED 3/31/76	2	-	-	1	3

INCREASE

113. REQUIRED FY-1977	-	-	-	-	-
114. REQUIRED FY-1978	-	-	-	1	1

REMARKS:

THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT CONSULAR FUNCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL DUTIES WHICH ARE NOT REFLECTED IN SCHEDULES I THRU IV. IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CONSULAR AREA, ONE OR TWO HOURS DAILY ARE SPENT ON OBTAINING SYRIAN AND THIRD COUNTRY VISAS FOR MISSION PERSONNEL AND TEMPORARY VISITORS. NOT REFLECTED IN THE NOTARIAL FIGURES IN ITEM 48 SCHEDULE III ARE THE MANY LETTERS OF IDENTIFICATION WHICH ARE PREPARED FOR PRIVATE AMERICANS TO OBTAIN VISAS FROM OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM OF LACK OF RECIPROCITY, BUT THERE IS LITTLE THE EMBASSY CAN DO TO AVOID THIS SERVICE TO LEGITIMATE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN AREA. CONSULAR STAFF ALSO SPEND MANY HOURS ADVISING PRIVATE CITIZENS ON CUSTOMS AND VISAS PROBLEMS IN SYRIA. ABOVE MENTIONED FACTORS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CONSULAR SECTION ARE NOT REFLECTED IN MAN-HOURS WORKED SCHEDULES I-IV. MAN-HOURS LISTED WERE COMPUTED ON BASIS OF SERVICES LISTED THOSE SCHEDULES. THEREFORE APPROXIMATELY 35 PERCENT SHOULD BE ADDED TO MAN-HOURS LISTED TO COMPENSATE FOR THESE ABOVE FACTORS.

ON BASIS OF ABOVE AND PROJECTED MAN-HOURS, WE WILL NEED THE ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME LOCAL POSITION AT FSL-7 LEVEL STARTING FY-78. NORMALLY, REGULAR STAFF IS SUFFICIENT FOR PEAK SEASON. HOWEVER, THIS SUMMER PEAK RUSH COINCIDING WITH RECENT SHARP INCREASE IN NUMBER OF LEBANESE IV & NIV APPLICANTS. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT HOW THIS OVERFLOW FROM LEBANON WILL EFFECT LONG-TERM WORKLOAD, WE WILL REQUIRE ONE PIT POSITION TO GET US THROUGH THIS SUMMER SEASON. WE WILL SUBMIT FORMAL REQUEST FOR PIT POSITION SOONEST.

8. SCHEDULE VII - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD ETC:

BUREAU: NEA
COUNTRY AND POST: SYRIA, DAMASCUS

A. FEDERAL BENEFITS ACTIVITY:

THERE ARE NO SSA REIMBURSED POSITIONS HERE. APPROX 150 HOURS ARE WORKED ANUALLY BY BOTH LOCAL AND AMERICAN NON-REIMBURSED EMPLOYEES ON FEDERAL BENEFITS. DUE TO THE BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN 1967-1974 RATE OF PAST INCREASE IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE, BUT WE ANTICIPATE 50 PERCENT INCREASE OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS WITH MANY SYRIANS UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKING IN U.S. RETURNING TO THEIR NATIVE COUNTRY.

B. FRAUD

OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS ARE DONE BY CONSULAR PERSONNEL. SINCE OFFICIAL SYRIAN VITAL STATISTICS DOCUMENTS, ALSO AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LAND OWNERSHIP ETC, ARE CONSIDERED RELIABLE, THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT CONSIDERED ONEROUS AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO INCREASE SHARPLY. DOCUMENTARY FRAUD FROM LEBANESE IS RAMPANT. THERE IS NO WAY FOR US TO INVESTIGATE LATTER FRAUD EXCEPT THROUGH LENGTHY INTERVIEWS AND EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AT OFFICE.

C. MISSION INTEREST CASES

THERE IS NO FORMAL SYSTEM. CASES OF INTEREST TO OTHER SECTIONS ARE HANDLED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

D. NUMBER OF AMCITS IN JAIL AS OF 3/31/76: ONE

(A) EMBASSY IS NOT NOTIFIED PROMPTLY. CONFIRMATION OF AMCIT BEING ARRESTED IS ONLY OBTAINED AFTER MANY CONTACTS AND DIPLOMATIC NOTES. EMBASSY HAS SENT SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC NOTES AND MADE DEMARCHES REQUESTING PROMPT NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS TO PRISONERS.

(B) IN ADDITION A ABOVE, CHIEF PROBLEM IS SUB-STANDARD CONDITIONS IN SYRIAN PRISONS.

(C) THIS HEADING IN REFTTEL GARBLED. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME IT REFERS TO PRISON VISITATION PROGRAM. EMBASSY HAS NO VOLUNTARY PRISONER VISITOR PROGRAM AT PRESENT BUT IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE ONE WITH LOCAL AMERICAN CLERGY TO BRING EXTRA FOOD, MAIL AND OTHER "GOODIES" ON MORE REGUAR BASIS. CONSUL VISITS PRISONERS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH. INCLUDING COURT APPEARANCES, APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 30 HOURS OF CONSULATE PERSONNEL TIME IS USED IN VISITATION PROGRAM FOR EACH DETAINED AMERICAN.

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